GARAGE REPAIRS BRIDGEPORT SUPERIOR COURT 1061 MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

PROJECT: BI- JD - 293A

BID OPENING
ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

1:00 P.M.

November 3, 2010

DATE OF ADDENDUM

October 25, 2010

The following clarifications are applicable to drawings and specifications for the project referenced above.

Item 1

Question: Are the cars parked in the garage at night? If so, approximately how many?

Answer: Only a few cars would remain over night and would be limited to parking spaces 54-59 and 69-64.

Item 2

Question: Are there any restrictions with odors or emissions (i.e. generators, power washers, demo saws)?

Answer: Temporary electric and water for work in the garage will be provided by the Owner. See Sections 015113 and 015136. For work inside the garage, the contractor shall be sensitive to odor and emissions issues during the hours of 6AM to 6PM, Monday through Friday. Proper ventilation shall be provided by the contractor during occupation hours.

Item 3

Question: Is the water from washing to be collected and disposed of off-site?

Answer: Yes, unless the contractor can demonstrate it meets all environmental requirements to be discharged into the storm system. Note: The existing floor trench drains run to an existing sump located adjacent to the Fan Room. The contractor shall provide a pump to properly dispose of the water that collects here.

Item 4

Question: Do the noise restricted hours change on the weekend or are they still 6:00AM to 6:00PM?

Answer: There are city ordinances regarding noise restriction, which the contractor shall become familiar with and comply with at all times. The courthouse is not in session on weekends and holidays as noted in Section 011400, Item F. 6:00AM to 6:00PM applies for work performed Monday through Friday.

Item 5

Question: Is there asbestos in the old waterproofing?

Answer: The original building was constructed in 1975. In 2000, major renovations took place on the plaza, which included repairs to the existing waterproofing membrane. We are not aware of any asbestos issues during the 2000 renovation project. We do not anticipate asbestos in the existing waterproofing membrane.

Item 6

Question: We know the employees will have a background check. What is the cost, if any? Is there some sort of test involved with this process?

Answer: In the Spec there is Document No 2 that requires a fee for all employees on this project as part of a background check by the Dept of Public Safety [DPS]. Once reviewed by DPS, Judicial also perform a background check and they require no fee. No testing is issued in either item.

Item 7

Question: On drawing S1.1, photograph 3 indicates to remove and replace the existing drainage/ventilation grate. It does not state "typical". Can you please confirm if just this grate is to be replaced or if it the intention to replace all the grates in the entire garage?

Answer: One grate.

Item 8

Question: On drawing M1.1, there is a note that reads, "General Contractor shall clean all existing floor trenches in the garage. Can you please provide some clarification on the extent and type of cleaning? Since the trenches are not readily accessible except at the grate locations, is it your intention to have them "jetted" between the grates or just to flush them out as good as possible from grate to grate?

Answer: At the completion of the work, flush them out as good as possible. This work shall be performed in the presence of the Inspector/Engineer or a representative of the Owner. Water shall be collected at the sump pump location adjacent to the Fan Room. See Item 3 for proper water disposal.

Item 9

Question: On drawing S2.1, Fairfield Avenue Wall Elevation, column lines 8 & 9.67, it states to WP 3 sides (Typ.). Can you please confirm the meaning of typical? Does it mean to do all the beams on this elevation from column lines 7 to 14 or does it mean everywhere WP points to a beam location to typically do all three sides? On the same elevation between lines 1 and 7 only specific beams are noted as WP without the note about 3 sides. Can you confirm if these are the only beams to be treated on this elevation and if all 3 sides should be addressed?

Answer: The "typical" refers to 3 sides, and not to all beams between column lines 7 to 14. Examples: 1) Column line 3. The "WP" noted indicates that waterplug should be installed along the bottom of the beam only (one side only). 2) Column line 10. No waterplug is required around the beam to wall connection, and 3) Column line 8. Waterplug is required around all three sides of the beam to wall connection.

<u>Item 10</u>

Question: Detail 1 on C3.0 details the perimeter drain system and waterproofing details. Can you please confirm the hot applied waterproofing section? The specifications in section 071413

indicate the hot applied system consists of two layers of rubberized asphalt membrane reinforced with polyester fabric. The detail referenced above indicates the hot layer as consisting of one 90 mil layer of hot, 90 mil sheet waterproofing, reinforcing fabric and a second layer of 90 mil hot.

Answer: Detail 1 on C3.0 is correct.

Item 11

Question: In Section 011400, item D and 013553 item E of the project specifications vehicle parking for construction workers is implied as being provided by the Agency. At the pre-bid conference it was stated that the general contractor and subcontractors would be responsible to secure parking for all their employees at their own expense. Can you please confirm this?

Answer: The site is limited, and unless noted herein, the contractor shall make own arrangements for parking off site. At the location of the trailer, one parking space shall be provided and maintained for the contractor and two parking space shall be provided and maintained for the A/E and DPW. Four parking spaces located in the garage are provided for the contractor for the duration of the Project (spaces 60-63). These spaces are noted as "staging area."

Item 12

Question: Can you please provide some additional clarification for the sequencing of the work. In Section 011400, items H, I and M refer to work above at the plaza and work below in the garage. Section 011113, item B.13 also refers to phasing and sequencing. It makes it sound as though the work above has to be performed during the same time as the phase below. Taken literally, this would mean that the perimeter drain installation would entail two phases on the north side (including the northwest corner), a center phase on the west side and two phases on the south side (including the southwest corner). Is this the actual intent or could the perimeter drain be installed separate from the phases below?

Answer: The hatched areas on Drawing S3.1 indicating area of new waterproofing membrane shall be coordinated and phased with the work below. The perimeter drains and perimeter waterproofing work can be installed separate from the phases below.

Item 13

Question: Can you please provide some additional clarification for the sequencing of the work. The new deck waterproofing areas are down the center of the garage as well as a piece along the south side. Based on keeping in sync with the phases below, this would mean the center strip of waterproofing would have to be completed in two phases, one during each of phases 2 and 3. The smaller area to the south would also have to be completed at a different time during phase 6. Is this a correct understanding? If yes, the work on the plaza becomes much more cut up and thus more costly.

Answer: Yes, this is correct. The work associated with the smaller area to the south would involve taking about 5 parking spaces (102-106). It would be acceptable to take these parking spaces at the same time as the phase 3 work.

Item 14

Question: Can you please provide some additional clarification for the sequencing of the work. The actual construction period is defined in calendar days, not months of the year. Depending on the actual start date, the work environment in the garage can be controlled to some degree

by the use of heaters, shelters, etc. The work on the plaza is weather dependent and freezing ground and having adequate conditions for installing the waterproofing is a concern. If the phasing moves in the sequence as described above, the job will have to be performed sometime in the period between April and November. Can you confirm if this is what you are anticipating?

Answer: We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2011.

Item 15

Question: Item "H" in Section 011400 of the specification along with the safety note on drawing C2.0 refers to the total load above the concrete roof slab shall not exceed 400 psf during the course of the work. The drawings indicate the existing concrete top of roof slab is at elevation 14.92' with much of the existing surface improvements at elevation 18' or 19'. Based on the current overburden on the roof slab, the loading is likely at or in excess of 400 psf over much of the garage area at the present time. This would imply that for every load we plan to impose, we need to remove a corresponding amount of the soil over the garage. Is this what you are intending?

Answer: The contractor shall provide shoring of the existing structure to accommodate all construction loads located over the garage structure. This shall include pathways for all equipment travel.

Item 16

Question: To perform the membrane replacement on the roof of the garage, it would be preferable to stockpile the materials on each side of the excavation to be installed after the new waterproofing. If the materials were spread out in a 2' lift on each side of the replacement area, it would seem the structure would be overloaded in accordance with your 400 psf statements. Can you please confirm if this is considered acceptable, or if the material would have to be removed from the site and then reinstalled after the membrane work is completed?

Answer: It should be anticipated that some of the existing material will not meet the specifications of the new material. Material may be stockpiled on site. However, if the contractor chooses to stockpile material over the existing structure, The contractor will be required to hire a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Connecticut to submit stamped and signed calculations (for the record) for shoring required to support the anticipated construction loads.

Item 17

Question: In addition, item "H" in Section 011400 of the specification talks about installing shoring in the garage as one means of increasing the loading. Can you confirm if shoring is a realistic option considering that you can't get to phase 3 without traversing across at least one other phase of construction that would not be running concurrently?

Answer: The contractor shall provide shoring. The contractor shall hire a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Connecticut to submit stamped and signed calculations (for the record) for shoring to support the anticipated construction loads.

Item 18

Question: On drawing C2 in the structure safety note, it indicates in parentheses "on the protection board layer." If the maximum load on the protection board layer is 400 psf, then shoring from underneath will not have any impact on the load on the protection board. Can you

please re-confirm if the loading on the membrane "protection board" is a critical element not to be exceeded during the course of the work?

Answer: The loading on the protection board is not the critical element. The critical element is the loading on the existing structure.

Item 19

Question: The specifications for the job have irrigation, but, I do not see any on the plans. Is it a design build?

Answer: The existing irrigation system is shown on the Contract Drawings. The existing irrigation system shall be removed and reset as described in the Contract Documents to perform the new work.

Item 20

Question: My company performs hydodemolition of concrete surfaces in preparation for repair, as well as membrane removal using ultra-high pressure water. Is there any of these types of work involved in the Bridgeport Superior Courthouse's Garage Repair Project (#BI-JD-293A)? And, if so, what quantity of concrete repair or membrane removal is required?

Answer: This is means and methods to be determined by the contractor bidding the job. See the Contract Documents for quantities.

All questions must be in writing (not phone or e-mail) and must be forwarded to the consulting Architect/Engineer (Macchi Engineers, LLC and Fax Number 860.524.5088) with copies sent to the DPW Project Manager (Ward Ponticelli, RA and Fax Number 860.713.7261).

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